



IsoTalent's Proposed List of Options to Test English Proficiency

Currently, Utah is designated as a state that may provide an exemption to candidates who took their nursing education with English as the language of instruction along with the following states:

- Maine
- New Mexico
- Pennsylvania
- Texas
- Virginia
- Wisconsin

Each of the English proficiency exams listed below has been [approved and is recognized](#) by the Health Resources and Services Administration (a Division of Health and Human Services).

1. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL):

Vendor	Cost	Total Duration (Minutes)	Online Option	States and Territories Adopted	Suggested Passing Score
TOEFL	\$225	210	Yes	54*	83 overall

This widely known and used examination is under the nonprofit educational measurement organization, Educational Testing Service (ETS), which also administers tests like the GRE, PRAXIS, and TOEIC. They state that the TOEFL exam can prepare students for university study, immigration, and more.

Measures the four language skills of reading, listening, speaking, and writing. This exam can be administered in 3 ways: at a testing center on a computer, at a testing center on paper, or home online with a human proctor.

2. International English Language Testing System (IELTS):

Vendor	Cost	Total Duration (Minutes)	Online Option	States and Territories Adopted	Suggested Passing Score
IELTS	\$219	165	Yes	37	6.5 overall

This exam is designed to help people work, study, or migrate to a country where English is the native language. This includes countries such as Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the UK, and the USA.

Measures the four language skills of reading, listening, speaking, and writing. IELTS is jointly owned by

the British Council; IDP IELTS; and Cambridge University Press & Assessment. This exam can be used for migration, study, and work needs.

3. Pearson Test of English (PTE):

Vendor	Cost	Total Duration (Minutes)	Online Option	States and Territories Adopted	Suggested Passing Score
PTE	\$225	135	No	21	55 overall with a minimum of 50 in each section

This exam is accredited by OFQUAL (the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation) in England as ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) International qualification. ESOL International qualifications are primarily designed for candidates who are not native speakers of English and wish to achieve a high-quality, internationally recognized qualification in English that is available and recognized worldwide and at the highest level (RQF level 3 / CEFR C2).

It is approved for all UK, Australian, and New Zealand visa and immigration centers. It is also accepted for Canada's SDS study applications. PTE Academic measures your English speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills in a single, short test. They have more than 350 test centers in 117 countries. People can book their tests at short notice, with frequent tests taking place throughout the year.

4. Occupational English Test (OET):

Vendor	Cost	Total Duration (Minutes)	Online Option	States and Territories Adopted	Suggested Passing Score
OET	\$455	200	No	10	Minimum score of 300

This exam is an English language test designed for the healthcare sector that is underpinned by Cambridge Assessment English and the University of Melbourne. This exam is more specifically used for registration, study, and work in the healthcare sector, as well as for visas in some countries. Below is a list of countries that recognize OET results as proof of English proficiency:

- Australia
- Canada
- Egypt
- India
- Ireland
- Maldives

- Malta
- Namibia
- New Zealand
- Philippines
- Qatar
- Singapore
- Spain
- Sri Lanka
- Ukraine
- United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom
- United States of America

Within the US, the following states/territories recognize OET results:

- Arkansas
- D.C.
- Florida
- Kentucky
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Oregon
- South Carolina
- Washington

